

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) An ink useful for dry erase applications, comprising a mixture of a flaked metallic pigment having a particle size of at least about 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , a binder, a release agent, and water, and a co-solvent in an amount sufficient to render the drying rate of the ink on a non-porous substrate to less than ten seconds.

2. (original) The ink of claim 1, wherein said pigment has a particle size of at least about 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (original) The ink of claim 2, wherein said pigment has a particle size of at least about 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (original) The ink of claim 1, wherein said pigment has a particle size of about 40  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

5. (cancelled)

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7. (original) The ink of claim 1, comprising said pigment in an amount of at least about 0.1 wt.% and about 80 wt.% or less.

8. (original) The ink of claim 7, comprising said pigment in an amount of at least about 1 wt.% and about 10 wt.% or less.

9. (original) The ink of claim 1, wherein said binder is water soluble.

10. (original) The ink of claim 1, comprising said binder in an amount of at least about 0.5 wt.%.

11. (original) The ink of claim 1, wherein said release agent comprises a silicone.

12. (original) The ink of claim 11, wherein said release agent comprises a polyalkylene oxide-modified polydimethylsiloxane.

13. (original) The ink of claim 1, comprising said release agent in an amount of at least about 0.5 wt.% and about 30 wt.% or less.

14. (canceled)

15. (original) The ink of claim 1, wherein said co-solvent comprises ~~an~~ a volatile alcohol.

16. (original) The ink of claim ~~1~~, 15 comprising said co-solvent in an amount of at least about 10 wt.%.

17. (original) The ink of claim 1, further comprising a dye.

18. (original) The ink of claim 17, wherein said dye comprises a polymeric dye.

19. (original) The ink of claim 17, comprising said dye in an amount of at least about 0.5 wt.%.

20. (original) The ink of claim 1, further comprising a surfactant.

21. (original) The ink of claim 20, wherein said surfactant is a phosphate ester surfactant.

22. (currently amended) An ink useful for dry erase applications, comprising a mixture of a flaked metallic pigment having a particle size of at least about 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , a water-soluble binder, a silicone release agent, water, and an isopropyl alcohol co-solvent in an amount sufficient to render the drying rate of the ink on a non-porous substrate to less than ten seconds.

23. (new) The ink of claim 16, wherein said co-solvent comprises isopropyl alcohol.

24. (new) The ink of claim 1, wherein said pigment size is at least 18  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. (new) The ink of claim 1, wherein said metallic pigment is aluminum.

26. (new) A kit comprising a capillary marker containing the ink of claim 1 wherein the ink has a viscosity less than 20 cP, and a dry erase board.